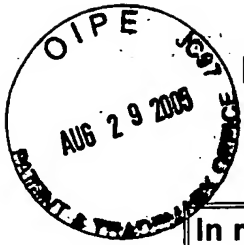


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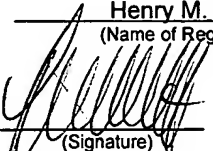
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Docket No.: BRIXIUS-12

In re PATENT Application of:)
WOLFGANG BRIXIUS ET AL.) Examiner: Gene O. Crawford
Appl. No.: 10/822,194) Group Art Unit: 3651
Filed: April 9, 2004)
For: TRANSPORT SYSTEM FOR ARTICLES,)
IN PARTICULAR CONTAINERS FOR)
BAGGAGE PIECES)

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references A) to C). Applicant does not admit that any of the cited documents constitutes prior art against the pending application.

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	Country:	Patent or Appl. No:	Patentee or Applicant:	Issue or Filing Date:
A)	Germany	DE 199 34 095 A1	Koini et al.	01-25-2001
B)	Germany	DE 199 31 756 A1	Koini et al.	01-11-2001
C)	Germany	DE 298 09 227 U1	Pimiskern et al.	02-04-1999

Copies of these references are submitted herewith along with form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

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In order to satisfy the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3) for a concise explanation of the relevance of each item of information, applicant herewith notes with respect to any information that is not in English language as follows:

Reference A) corresponds to U.S. Pat. No. 6,580,046 to Koini et al., a copy of which is enclosed.

Reference B) describes a conveyor having a horizontal and or sloping conveyor belt on which luggage (12) is conveyed from at least one feeder point (14) to at least one discharge point (16). A vertical conveyor (10) transfers the luggage from one operating level, such as check-in gate, to a second operating level, such as luggage ball at least 10 meters below the check-in area. Platforms

(18) along a vertical cable-track carry the luggage in trough-shaped carriers (20) which are coded and recognized by a reader.

Reference C) describes a container being used at an airport to transport trunks, suitcases, bags etc. The container is designed to allow the luggage to be X-rayed, for security purposes. The container is generally rectangular in shape. It is open at the top, with an outward-extending flange, and has slightly rounded corners. The body of the container is made of glass fiber reinforced plastics (1) with laminated strips of carbon cloth (2) which may conduct electric currents. The carbon strips may be detected by sensors (3) which normally detect the metal strips in prior art plastics containers.

The above-identified application discloses and claims an invention patentable over this prior art.

Entry of the references above set forth into the file of the above application is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	6,580,046	06-17-2003	Koini et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	DE 199 34 095 A1	01-25-2001	Germany			refers to US Pat. No. 6,580,046
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	DE 29809227 U1	02-04-1999	Germany			

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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